GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIA IN PEACE KEEPING OPERATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been consulted by the UN in connection with peace keeping operations being carried out in dangerous conflict zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether being one of the largest troop contributing countries, India has sought greater say in such operations and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the UN thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) & (b) India, as one of the largest troop contributing countries (TCCs) to UN Peacekeeping operations, is an active participant in the meetings of the UN Special Committee for Peacekeeping Operations. India also has an annual Strategic Dialogue with the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations and Department of Field Support to discuss issues related to UN Peacekeeping operations. India also actively interacts on these matters through discussions in the Administrative and Budgetary − Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly and in the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions when issues related to peacekeeping are discussed.

(c) & (d) India has been seeking greater role and participation for TCCs in Peacekeeping related discussions at the UN. The establishment of a High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations by the UN Secretary General, which has been mandated to undertake a comprehensive assessment on United Nations peacekeeping operations reflects these efforts. The Panel visited India in February 2015 and held discussions on issues related to peacekeeping.